

MONROE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

July 28, 2015

7:30 p.m.

1. The regular meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Johnny Parsons and prayer was offered by Councilmember Fran Washburn.

Present:

Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson

Councilmember's

Troy Torgersen

Johnny Parsons

Fran Washburn

Perry Payne

Devin Magleby – Public Works Director

Daniel Peterson – Power Superintendent

Allison Leavitt- Treasurer

Sandy Phillips- Richfield Reaper (press)

Greg Northrup – Sevier County Sheriff

Bart Lee- Planning Commission member

Citizens:

Michael Mathie

Mark Waters- Central Electric

Kyron Waters – Central Electric

Shane White- Musco Sports Lighting

Mayor excused City Recorder Emalee Curtis and Councilmember Joe Anderson

Councilmember Johnny Parsons moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting with corrections made. Councilmember Fran Washburn seconded the motion.

Vote was as follows

Councilmember Torgersen Aye

Councilmember Parsons Aye

Councilmember Washburn Aye

Councilmember Payne Aye

Vote was unanimous

***Changed comment of weeds along city streets from Councilmember Payne's department business to Councilmember Anderson's department business.**

2. Citizen input - None

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3. Business

A. Approval of warrant register for July 2015

The Mayor and council reviewed and signed approval for the July, 2015 warrant register.

B. Central Electric – Presentation - Lights for new ball fields.

Mark Waters- Central Electric thanked the council for the opportunity to come tonight and present their proposal for lighting the two ball fields and soccer field at the Mountain View Park. He explained that over the years Central Electric and Monroe City have worked together on various projects including the lights we currently have on our existing ball fields. These are Musco lights and have required little maintenance for the last 17 plus years. He would like to turn some time over to Shane White, Musco Sport Lighting, to present Musco new generation of lighting. After his presentation Mr. Waters will distribute a booklet with prices and answer questions.

Mr. White also thanked the council for the opportunity to come before the council tonight to demonstrate Musco new generation lighting. The presentation included a brief explanation of the five step assembly. Mark Waters stated the he would be willing to come demonstrate to our crew how to assemble the poles and lights.

Councilmember Torgersen questioned the engineering of the size of pole and depth of the buried bases. Mr. White assured the council that their lights are engineered certified. Torgersen also asked Daniel about the transformer and his needs. Daniel explained that transformer and design he already has planned will work.

Mr. White explained these lights will come pre aimed, however once the lights are installed they will come and test to make sure they are still in alignment, if needed, they will fix the alignment.

Discussion continued on the specs of the pole, installation, and lighting fixtures. The lights come with a ten year warranty, with the first two years including labor and parts, and then the remaining eight years will be parts only.

Mr. Waters then distributed the packets with the pricing and plan for the lights discussed tonight. The bid from Central Electric for the ball fields and soccer field is \$211,800.

Councilmember Parsons, questioned why there is such a difference in price from their first bid. Mark and Shane explained that the 25 year warranty was removed along with other options such as being able to turn the lights on and off with employee cell phones from their homes. And Musco usually does not do this but they really want this opportunity to work with Monroe City and they have added additional discounts.

With no more questions from the council, Mr. Waters thanked the council again for the opportunity to come and present their product to the council.

C. Planning Commission recommendations-John Larson building permit of accessory building over 1400 sq. feet

Planning Commissioner Bart Lee presented to the council a building permit submitted by John Larson for an accessory building which is over 1400 sq. feet. Our current ordinance requires any accessory building over 1400 sq. feet must be presented to the planning commission for recommendation of approval to the council and then council approval.

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Bart explained that Mr. Larson lives on the west side of town on very large lot which borders the county line. The planning commission recommends approval of this accessory building because Mr. Larson has plenty of property surrounding this building, which will not cause conflict with adjacent neighbors.

Councilmember Fran Washburn moved to approve the building permit for John Larson of an accessory building over 1400 sq. feet. Councilmember Perry Payne seconded. Vote was follows

Councilmember Torgersen	Aye
Councilmember Parsons	Aye
Councilmember Washburn	Aye
Councilmember Payne	Aye

Vote was unanimous.

In other business Commissioner Lee gave the council an update on the planning commission work on the fencing ordinance. He explained this has been one of the hardest things he has worked on. Monroe has a lot of very unique scenarios, which has made this very difficult. However they think they have the fence ordinance to point the to be accepted. He explained that the commission is going to distribute the ordinance to a few residents and ask them to review and see if the wording and rules are understandable. Once this is done they will present it to the city council.

Commissioner Lee stated that their next item to tackle is the enforcement side of our ordinances. Mayor Nilsson also asked if the commission would consider the idea of Monroe having a noise ordinance. Mystic Hot Springs requested from the city on the 24th of July what our noise ordinance was and if they could have it extended. We referred him to county sheriff office, since Monroe does not have a noise ordinance that would cover this. The sheriff office put it back on the city's shoulder's to decide how late Mike's bands could play. Mayor discussed with other councilmember's and it was decided 12:30 a.m. If we had an ordinance for when this type of situation comes up it would be easier to handle. Also there were questions about if we want or need to regulate what floats entries in the parade can advertise. Mr. Lee said they would get the fence ordinance finished and then begin on these other issues as time permits.

D. Award bid for lighting project for new ball fields and soccer field.

Mayor had Allison explain why this is on the agenda tonight after it appeared to have been voted on and decided at our last meeting.

Allison explained that in the last meeting the motion was made during staff reports instead of a business item. This needs to be done as a business item. Because Codale came before the council and made changes to their first original bid by law we had to give Central Electric the same opportunity.

Mayor then opened the discussion about which lighting company to go with. It was decided last meeting that we were going to do the two ball fields and the soccer field at this time.

So we need to review the whole project bid from both companies. Daniel was asked if there were any issues with the transformer depending on which company we go with. He said he felt like there were no significant issues, and that he personally would feel good about either system. Council continued with discussion on the pros and cons from both companies.

Councilmember Fran Washburn moved that the city accept the bid from Codale Electric of \$206,935 for lighting of the two ball fields and soccer field located at the Mountain View Park. Councilmember Johnny Parsons seconded it. Councilmember Torgersen asked Councilmember Washburn why he selected Codale and he explained that it's a hard decision to make, however Codale was the first to come make a presentation and he just decided to go with them. Councilmember Payne asked who had the low bid from the beginning. It was said that Codale had the low bid.

Vote was as follows

Councilmember Torgersen	Aye
Councilmember Parsons	Aye
Councilmember Washburn	Aye
Councilmember Payne	Aye

Vote was unanimous

4. Staff Reports

Allison Leavitt, City Treasurer – Treasurer Report

- Distributed the treasurer report ending June 30, 2015. This report is a record of the city's monies and the balances of each account, which balances with bank total. Also distributed the accrued employee leave report ending June 30, 2015.
- Gave out information to the council of the upcoming Annual Utah ULCT convention in September in Salt Lake City. Mayor asked councilmember's to let Allison know within the next week if they will be attending.
- Informed council of the Six County Council of Government meeting to be held August 11, 2015.

Devin Magleby, Public Works Director-

- Updated council on the progress of the park expansion. We added on to the building to house the controls for the lights. This was an additional \$3500.00 just for the block there will still be an additional cost for concrete floor and roof. After discussing this addition with the Mayor and Fran it was decided this would be worthwhile. Devin feels like things are really taking shape and it's beginning to look like a ball field.

- Asked for permission to put the old forks for backhoe bucket on the city's surplus list. With the new backhoe's the city has been getting these forks will no longer work. Council agreed to have Allison add these to the surplus list and post in the city's window.
- Commented that new pick up is working out great. Will be installing toolbox and mat next week.

Daniel Peterson, Power Superintendent – No Business tonight.

5. Department Business - reports and concerns - law enforcement concerns

Deputy Greg Northrup, from the Sevier County Sheriff's Office, asked the council if they had any concerns that need to be addressed. Mayor just commented again about the noise ordinance issued we had involving Mystic Hot Springs. Deputy Northrup was aware of a few noise complaints during the weekend festivities, however nothing of real concern happened during their event. Northrup explained that Mystic Hot Springs plan to have this event when the 24th falls on a weekend, so we can plan for the next three years they will be holding their festival.

Deputy Northrup asked the council how they wanted the sheriff's office to handle when unauthorized motor vehicles are driving in the gravel pits above town. Council feels like if they are not causing problems just issue a warning that they are trespassing and ask them to leave. Council feels like this will slack off once school starts. Council thanked Deputy Northrup for his efforts and other deputies for all they do for Monroe.

Councilmember Joseph Anderson - Streets Department, Weeds, Equipment, Sr. Citizens-absent

Councilmember Perry Payne - Electric, Mosquito Abatement, Utility Board

*Informed council he had received an email from IPA about the new IPP contract. It was stated in the letter that Monroe City is still the only city in Utah to not sign the contract. Daniel could not confirm if we are really the only ones not sign, in the past we were told this and then found out later this to not be true. Daniel also explained that there have been some changes added to the contract so even the cities who signed the previous one will have to address the new contracts and sign them. It was decided we will wait to see what the new contracts entail and see what other cities do with the new contract.

Councilmember Fran Washburn - Parks, Cemetery, Planning Commission

*Asked when the Public Power Picnic was planned for. After a discussion it was decided to have it on September 14th.

Fran inquired about the no parking signs for the parking issue at Monroe Canyon Assisted Living Center. Devin explained he has ordered them and as soon as they come in he will have them installed. Signs to allow overnight camping, with the two day limit, at the fishing pond have been installed.

Councilmember Johnny Parsons - Water, Irrigation, Wastewater, Fire Department – No further

business

Councilmember Troy Torgersen - Library, CERT, EMS, Landfill, Garbage, Youth Council

*Asked Deputy Northrup if there is a problem with speeding by the EMS building because he has observed an officer there quite frequently. Deputy Northrup stated this is just a very good observation point for various offenders.

While Troy's nephew, who is an official paint ball team member for BYU, was here over the weekend he suggested the city host a paint ball competition. This appears to be a big thing in other areas. It was suggested that this could be done in conjunction with the county special event program, and it could be held at the gravel pit.

Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson - General Administration –

*In talking about an event that we can do with the county Mayor visited with Councilmember Anderson and County Commissioner Topham about the Fall Festival "Dine In" Event, this is when you go visit different restaurants. This is just some ideas to think about.

Mayor again would like to thank everyone with their help on the 24th as it was a fantastic success, and he would like to plan an employee appreciation dinner for sometime in August. Council discussed whether to do something here in town or go up to Devin's cabin and do a shoot along with dinner. Devin will talk with employees and decide on a date and place, and then let the council know.

Mayor reported that Emalee told Allison she is working hard at getting better.

Splash pad update – Nan says she has raised \$20,000 and she needs to raise \$30,000 total.

The Elk that the council agreed to purchase from Alvey Lumber for the city float was purchased but it cost a little more than planned. The mayor would like to see it painted maybe by city employee Kaycee Roberts or resident Jill Smith. Once it is painted he would like to display it somewhere in town. It will have to be placed where it cannot be vandalized or a safety hazard to children. Mayor asked the council and staff to be thinking about the painting and the placement of the elk.

6. Adjournment

Councilmember Payne moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Councilmember Parsons seconded. Vote was as follows

Councilmember Torgersen	Aye
Councilmember Parsons	Aye
Councilmember Washburn	Aye
Councilmember Payne	Aye

Vote was unanimous